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12 New Deputies Join the Frederick County Sheriff's Office *Largest FCSO Class to Complete Academy in Years*

FREDERICK, Md. (Feb. 11, 2021) – Completed academy training, allotted a patrol car, issued the proper equipment and uniforms, sworn in, and assigned to a patrol operations team, 12 new Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies started their careers this week.

"This recent class of deputies started their training, at the Washington County Police Academy, on July 20, 2020, and graduated on Feb. 5," said Lt. Jeff Null, FCSO Support Services commander. "With all of the training they received, from the academy and in-house training we conducted, these 12 team members will be the best and most trained deputies we've put out on the road and we are excited to see the end results."

These newly trained deputies are:

Abby Berisford	Crystal Hall	Kevin Lewis
Cassy Boettcher	Chase Hoffman	Dillin Pizzi
Camden Cregger	Andrew Laign	Amanda Read
Logan Doolittle	William Leith	Herbert Testerman

According to Null, these recruits learn, complete scenarios, and must pass written and physical tests to be able to graduate the academy. Some of the main topics they learn are:

- Fourth amendment issues relating to search and seizure
- De-escalation
- How to recognize and deal with people with intellectual developmental disabilities
- Dealing with people experiencing a mental health crisis
- Officer safety
- Firearms
- Use of force
- Handcuffing
- Defensive tactics
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course; learning to drive and operate a police car
- Maryland criminal and vehicle law
- A lot of physical training.

Now that the deputies have graduated and completed this training, they will start actual field training and will be on a probationary period that can sometimes last up to 18 months.

"I want to congratulate this fine group of men and women who have selected a career in law enforcement during these challenging times," said FCSO Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "We are looking for good things from

these recruits as they move forward through their field training and begin their careers serving the citizens of Frederick County. My expectation is that they will all do very well."

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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